

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2018, 7pm

Location: Skidmore College

Clergy: Dean Marshall J Vang, Interim Rector

Attendance: D. Miller; C. Berheide; J Huppuch; J. Van der Veer; S. Rucker; S. Manny; F. Horne; M. MacDonald; P. Houde (excused: M. Kato; J Piraino)

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03pm on October 17, 2018 in 208, Tisch by Dean Marshall J Vang.

A Bullock offered devotions.

1. Dean Vang appointed A Bullock Clerk, pro tem.
Approval of Minutes of September, 2018. Moved, A Bullock; second, F. Horne. Unanimously approved.

2. Interim Rector's report: Dean Vang reported

Landon Moore has been offered internships for the spring semester in New York City;
At the Priest's retreat to be held Nov 7 to Nov 10, the Bishop is expected to release his resolution concerning same-gender marriage, Resolution B-012, to be distributed following Mass on November 11, 2018.

Farrell's anniversary celebration was very successful: he was given two volumes on organ building and funds for purchase of music through the Griffith Fund.

Dean Vang agreed with the Baptist Church that we will split expenses for joint Sunday School, (including babysitting, supplies, food, etc) to be paid monthly from the Wiedemann fund.

3. Senior Warden's Report:

Approval of Rector's Expenses for October. Moved, D. Miller; Second, F. Horne. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of damage to east side of Church when beam fell, likely on account of water damage to roof above. Duncan & Cahill has offered an estimate for interior repairs and will provide an estimate for exterior roof patching. Resolved that the Church proceed with restoration necessary pending correct sequencing of repairs. Moved, D. Miller; second, J. Van der Veer; unanimously approved.

Discussion of establishment of initial Board of Directors of Mercy House (aka NPH) Resolved that the Board will consist of the members of the Building Committee (G. Boyd; D. Miller; F. Horne; J. Piraino; J Van der Veer; M. Withington; AC Bullock) Moved, D. Miller; second, S. Manny; approved unanimously. Clerk pro tem was directed to execute the resolution appointing initial Board.

Discussion of address to Parish to be offered by Senior Warden on Sunday, October 21. Topics will include: status of rector search, particularly in light of the Bishop's positions; stewardship campaign; progress of Mercy House/NPH; establishment of Mission Committee, including support of Veteran's Ball of VCHC and collection of gift cards for partner organizations at Veteran's Day masses; stats of project to re-design West doors.

4. Junior Warden's Report:

C. Berheide reported that the Search Committee will meet on October 30, 2018.

5. Treasurer's Report:

J Van der Veer reported in J. Piraino's absence. While P&P is ahead of budget and 2017 and expenses are below budget and 2017, church is still behind in Diocesan assessment; could not support a new rector on current giving. November reports may be delayed as Vestry meets earlier than usual. Budget committee will meet to begin to set 2019 budget.

6. Commission Reports:

Parish Life: All commended P. Houde on Farrell's very successful anniversary celebration. P. Houde reminded all about the need for railings on steps and grab bar & changing table in restroom. She also reported that the individual who had been causing trouble at the Baptist Parish House has moved to Malta and seems to be doing better. Barbara is comfortable without escorts.

Property Management: S. Rucker reported that a clean-up day will be scheduled to clean out basement. Discussion of church decoration at Christmas and Easter. Christmas budget has been \$1000; Easter, \$800. Agreed to explore Elaine's offer to obtain trees more cheaply. Plants given to shut-ins should be paid from Outreach budget.

Discussion of Bishop's intended visit on December 23, 2018. It was agreed that Dean Vang would seek to have this visit moved from Advent 4, which is a very busy day.

Christian Education: S. Manny reported that the Christmas Pageant is December 16 at Baptist Church, with pot luck meal to follow.

Stewardship: No report

Communications: F. Horne reported that the next newsletter will go out November 15

Prayer Shawl Ministry: P. Houde reported that this meets the second Thursday at 1pm at HGS. Next Baptism is November 4, 2018.

New Business

J. Van der Veer reported that the endowment committee asked about the status of the patio at the Rectory. If paver blocks or flagstones can be laid this fall, Dean Vang reported that the patio may be built in 2018; otherwise, the work will have to wait until 2019. Discussion of the most cost-effective exterior finish (patio, deck, bricks, stones, etc.)
Dean Vang reported that the builder will shortly turn over the Homeowner's Association to the owners.

Blessing and Adjournment by Dean Vang

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by motion of M. Mac Donald, second J. Van der Veer. All agreed.

The next general meeting will be at time on November 7, 2018 at Skidmore, 208 Tisch.

Respectfully submitted.